New York May 5. 1857.

Dr Sir

Your favor of yesterday is just rec.d and I am obliged to you for calling my attention to your improvement in furnace doors. I am always pleased to introduce any improvement in my department and have already obtained permission from the Supt. to do so in this case. I believe the furnaces in this office were cast from the same patterns as those in the Mint, and probably the same doors will fit either; if so, I will thank you to send the new doors for one furnace as a pattern, and then I can have them made here for all our furnaces. Let the bill & duplicate be sent here and I will attend to its payment.

I was unsuccessful at Washington, but believe that if it had not been so near the end of the session, it would have been otherwise. Mr Guthrie gave me a very kind letter to Mr Hunter in which he stated that I had not applied the time or means of the Government, in making my inventions and this is true, because all my plans were made at my own house during the hours which would

otherwise have been devoted to rest. Mr Hunter informed me that he had also rec'd another letter from the Director of the Mint, but did not mention its import. He only said, that he was afraid that it was now too late. I returned home disappointed, and passed through Phil'a at night, otherwise I should have called to see you. I have recovered now from my great disappointment and have still some hopes of success next session. and am obliged to you for your kind wishes.

Yours very truly

Edward McPherson

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
U. S. Mint
Phil'a

Cuthbert

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66.66 —
6.50

J C Browne

53.74
53.32 —
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R mason

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